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engine, a vehicle body component, an engine component, an assembly, and a coil.

50. The product produced by the method of claim 28. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-17, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,496,695 to Sugio et al. Claims 1, 3, 6-10, 12-13, and 23-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. B 4,118,377 to D'Alelio. And, claims 1-2, 4, 7-10, 12-22, and 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,084,304 to Lienert et al.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-27 and submitted a new set of claims 28-50. Most of the new claims are directed at a method for the application of a corrosion-proofing bond coating to a metal substrate such that one or more paint coats may be directly applied to the corrosion-proofing bond coating. Additional anti-corrosion treatment is eliminated.

Since the newly-submitted claims generally mirror original claims 1-27, Applicants will distinguish the cited references from the newly-added claims.

Sugio discusses a curable resin composition for use in electronic applications (col. 2, ll. 24-26), but provides no disclosure of or teaching that the recited polybismaleimide

compounds may be used in a corrosion-inhibiting bond coating on a metal substrate.

D'Alelio also neither discloses nor teaches the use of polybismaleimides to form an adhesive, corrosion-inhibiting bond coating for a metal substrate. To the contrary, D'Alelio is directed to a method for increasing the molecular weight of bismaleimide compounds.

The Lienert reference is directed to "a one-coat or two-coat application, only polyesterimides and polyhydantoins [but not polybismaleimides] being used for the primers [i.e. bond coating] as high temperature resistant systems." (See Lienert abstract; col. 11, ll. 50-60.) But the method as claimed by applicants is not disclosed by Lienert. Unlike Lienert, applicants' claimed polybismaleimide bond-coating is both adhesion-conferring and corrosion-inhibiting, and it can serve as a primer.

Since none of the cited references discloses, suggests or teaches the method recited in the new claims, applicants believe the new claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request their early allowance.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time

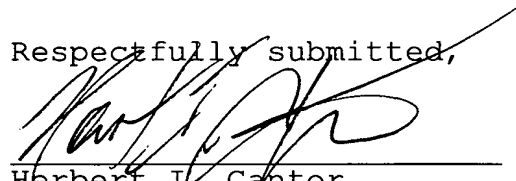


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sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/44173).

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